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SUBJECT: GOS REVERSES DENIAL OF WORLD'S 4/8 CHARTER

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1. EMBOFF INFORMED BY WORLD MADRID AGENT NOON APRIL 5 CHARTER TO MALAGA MENTIONED PARA 1 REFTEL APPROVED BY SPANISH AIR MINISTRY. WORLD ASSISTANT VICE PRESIDENT CHRISTOPHER SMART AND MICHAEL DONOHUE OF PAUKNER, WHO REPRESENTS WORLD IN MADRID, SAW ECONCOUN AND EMBOFF EARLIER AND AGREED BEST TACTICS WOULD BE FOR THEM TO GO TO AIR MINISTRY WITHOUT EMBASSY REPS.

2. DONOHUE TOLD EMBOFF AIR MINISTRY WARNED HIM AGAINST APPLICATIONS FOR ANY OTHER SUCH CHARTERS UNTIL SEVERAL MONTHS HAVE PASSED.

3. WORLD VICE PRESIDENT HUGHES TELEXED EMBASSY THAT WORLD OFFERING SPANTAX TEN FLIGHTS BETWEEN APRIL 28 AND MAY 21, PURSUANT TO ARRANGEMENT MADE WHEN WORLD GRANTED PERMISSION FOR CHARTER FLIGHT IN DECEMBER (MADRID 5800). DONOHUE, WHO ALSO HAD THIS LIST OF FLIGHTS, DID NOT MENTION SPANTAX- WORLD COOPERATION UNTIL AFTER TOLD THIS CHARTER AUTHORIZED. HOWEVER, IT IS ALSO PROBABLE IN EMBASSY'S VIEW THAT AIR MINISTRY HAD HEARD OF OFFER DIRECTLY FROM SPANTAX.

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4. RE PARA 4 REFTTEL, EMBASSY INFORMED THAT SPLIT CHARTERS NOT PERMITTED UNDER SPANISH REGS. ALSO NOT PERMITTED ARE CHARTERS INVOLVING TWO OR MORE STOPS IN SPAIN. FLIGHTS SUCH AS THESE ALSO EXCLUDED BY REGS MOST LIKELY ON GROUNDS INTERFERENCE REGULARLY SCHEDULED TRAFFIC. HOWEVER, TRADE SOURCES INFORMED EMBASSY NO PRACTICAL LIMIT TO NUMBER OF GROUPS ON ONE AIRCRAFT, ALTHOUGH THEORETICALLY NO MORE THAN THREE ARE ALLOWED. SPANISH ATTITUDE IN GENERAL HARDENING.

5. TRADE SOURCES ALSO FORESEE PROBLEMS AS MORE WIDE-BODIED AIRCRAFT SUCH AS 747'S GET INTO CHARTER FIELD. CHARTER OPERATORS WILL HAVE INCREASING ECONOMIC PRESSURE TO PUT CHARTER GROUPS ON ONE LARGE AIRCRAFT BOUND FOR SEVERAL DIFFERENT COUNTRIES.
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